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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Roberto VILLA et al.

Confirmation No. 4029

Serial No. 10/009,532

GROUP 1615

Filed December 12, 2001

Examiner L. Di Nola Baron

CONTROLLED RELEASE AND TASTE  
MASKING ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITIONS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 12, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

~~1~~1. (amended) A controlled release and taste-masking  
oral pharmaceutical composition containing an active ingredient,  
comprising:

a) a matrix consisting of C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alcohols or C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> fatty  
acids or esters of fatty acids with glycerol or sorbitol or other  
polyalcohols with carbon atom chain not higher than six;

b) an amphiphilic matrix; and

c) an outer hydrophilic matrix in which a lipophilic  
matrix and said amphiphilic matrix are dispersed.--